try, and conducts a service, he will know how to proceed without being awkward to himself or his audience.

We can still serve a much larger list of subscribers, and our agents and well-wishers are urged to keep the ball rolling. We need all the support that can be gathered, and there are yet many members who are without the church paper. Can we not have a little enthusiasm in this direction at the present time?

The Brethren Annual will now be sent to any address for five cents.

Before going West, brother J. R. Denlinger shipped us the entire edition of the Report of the Dayton Convention. It is a historical document of much value and every member of the Brethren church should perserve a copy. It contains 78 pages and will be sent to any address for 10 cents per copy. When the stock is reduced, they will cost 25 cents, and they are worth that much.

Bro. J. L. Kimmel went to North Liberty last Saturday to preach for the church there.

The Vindicator says the Conservatives in order "To outdo the Old Order, she must assume all pretentions of the past; to go beyond the Progressives, she must unloose the doors of the restriction." There is some truth in this. Instead of holding to any rules of discipline, in places there is only one rule of discipline, and that is to head off the Progressive. But "Be not conformed to this world" still remains as a noble command, and should not be disregarded.

As year after year passes, there is a growth of sentiment in favor of special services on Good Friday and Easter. There was a time when Good Friday and Easter were recognized as church days only by the Roman Catholics, the Greeks, the Lutherans and the Episcopalians. But now Easter, at least, is celebrated in most of the Protestant churches by special services of song and unusual offerings of flowers. In Brooklyn several Presbyterian and Congregational churches joined last year for the first time in a communion service on the eve of Good Friday. This Holy Thursday service is to be continued. Such a service should be held in the Brethren church. There could be no more impressive service held than to observe the Lord's Supper and wash feet on this evening; the evening of the week in which Christ was taken. This was the special season of the year when the humble service of washing feet was engaged in by the Primitive Church, and a time more appropriate could not be chosen.

The baptismal service reported by Sister Mary Sterling fills the heart with admiration and thanksgiving to God for the work he is doing at the hands of brother DeBolt. The letter is full of encouragement.

Bro. Martin Shively went to West Independence, Ohio, last Saturday, to preach for the brethren there Sunday.

NOTES FROM THE FIELDS.

There will be a love feast in the church at South Haven, Kansas, on Saturday before third Sunday in May. Place of meeting at the Cavriger school house, six miles N. W. of the town of South Haven. Usual invitation.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

DEAR EDITOR:—In reply to your request, I give our usual order of service:—Hymn, reading, prayer, hymn, collection, announcements, preaching, hymn, prayer, remarks, if any to make, doxology and benediction.

A. J. STERLING.

Johnstown, Pa.

BRETHREN:—I feel to say something in answer to the question asked in this week's EVANGELIST. does the Brethren church think it wrong for sisters to pray or speak in prayer or social meetings with their head uncovered. The answer is No. I would say to the sisters I would as soon not pray as to think of praying uncovered. I mean with power, because of the angels; and the word requires the same from every sister in Christ. Read 11th chapter, 1st Corinthians, carefully and prayerfully, and the question is answered.

C. KLINE.

DEAR EDITOR:—No. 13 of the B. E. is before me. As you say, it is indeed a good number. How soul-cheering the news from Maple Grove, Kan., and from Carleton and Holmesville, Neb. The writer has been there and is well prepared to rejoice with loved ones at those places.

Our joy is increased by reading similar good news from places where we are not so well acquainted. Angels rejoice at such news; why should not we? The prospects are that such cheering news will greet the readers of the B. E. from this place in due time. The editor wants to know our order of worship. Any appropriate order suits Bro. Bauman. We are decidedly disgusted with and opposed to stereotyped formality, except where form is commanded in the Gospel. Our usual method of conducting public services consists: 1st, in song; 2nd, reading of scripture lesson; 3rd, prayer, kneeling posture; 4th, song; 5th, sermon; 6th, song, congregation standing; 7th, standing, we offer short prayer or benediction, which closes the services. Sometimes we announce next appointment before the sermon, sometimes at its close.

We are inclined to adapt ourselves to the prevailing custom among the people we labor. We do in no instance propose to sacrifice a principle to the tastes, preferences, customs or prejudices of people, but when no principle is at stake, we mean to be exceedingly yielding.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

South Haven, Sumner Co., Kan.

From Lanark, Ill.

On last Saturday, the 2nd instant, at 2 p. m., the brethren and sisters met in council at the Bethlehem church, eight miles south of Lanark, in the neighborhood known hereabouts as Dutchtown. There was a fair turn out of members, and the business that came before the meeting was disposed of in a fraternal manner, and I believe, to the satisfaction of all present.

On motion of the writer Bro. Z. T. Livengood was chosen to preside in the meeting; Bro. H. Walker, being clerk.

The first in order was the reading and approval of the minutes of the last council meeting, and attending to unfinished business.

This done, your correspondent, after making some preliminary statements, which need not here be enumerated, tendered his resignation as a pastor in this church, subject to the decision of the church. After a brotherly interchange of thoughts and feelings, the resignation was kindly accepted, however, with the proviso that Bro. Beer be retained as pastor till the last of May. This was done for two reasons: to give bro. Z. T. Livengood a little time to recuperate; and to give a little time to look up another pastor, both of which, I hope, may be fully realized. You will observe, therefore, that, after June 1st, the writer will be at liberty, "the Lord willing," to go eastward or westward, wherever he may be called to labor in the good cause.

Brethren Z. T. Livengood, Joseph Livengood and Calvin Puterbaugh were chosen a committee of correspondence to secure another pastor. I take occasion here to say to our ministers everywhere that you may rely implicitly on anything these brethren may write you, and on any agreement they may make.

It was also agreed to have a lovefeast, preceded by several meetings, in the latter part of May, of which farther notice will be given hereafter.

In conclusion, I will say to the brethren who are calling from Cerro Gordo, that I am willing to correspond with them, and if they can find no one to respond to their call before I am at liberty, I will endeavor to attend to their wants. It is now about twenty years since I was there last, and I think I would enjoy a visit to that old field again. Have we no members in Bond, Fayette, Shelby, Christian, Sullivan, and Cumberland counties? And are there no open fields in Northern Illinois? There ought to be. More anon.

J. W. BEER.

April 7th, 1887.

Falls City Items.

Elder Stump has returned from a mission to Weeping Water, where he found a few souls anxious to hear the pure word of truth. Bro. Stump seems to be acting the part of an explorer of new fields, and it is gratifying to know that so far these newly explored fields have become fruitful fields for the Master's use.

The writer was called to Carleton, in Thayer county, immediately after Bro. Bashor left that place, and spent a week with the church newly organized there. He found five applicants awaiting baptism, and the little church strengthened in the faith and determined to "go on to perfection."

They are looking for a pastor to feed them; and in the mean time they are making good use of their opportunities. They have a Brethren's Sunday school and prayer meetings, and they are all good workers. Besides those baptized, the church also received additions by accessions to their ranks for some who had drifted away from the sure anchorage during the "late unpleasantness."

The Methodist ministers of the place, who had been a hearer of Bro. Bashor's sermons announced a sermon on Creeds, which was evidently intended for a reply to what Bro. B. had said on the subject, and for the strengthening of his brethren, some of which had become weak in the Methodist creed and strong in the faith of the gospel. The defender of Creeds took for his text the language of the Savior; I am the way, and the truth, and the life no man cometh to the Father, but by me. The text was certainly a good one, but as the preacher's mission, for the time being at least, was not to preach Christ, but Creeds, he failed to establish a close connection between his text and his subject. He acknowledged that ation was in Christ, and that the gospel was superior to all creeds, but failed to show the benefits to be derived from written creeds or the good resulting from them. He claimed he always took his text from the gospel and preached Christ; but if a creed is not to show ministers what they must believe and preach in order to be orthodox with the church to which they belong it is hard to conceive what they are for.

The German Baptists have an organization and a church building a few miles from Carleton. They have a bench full of preachers, and a full complement of deacons, and they have succeeded pretty well, so far in enforcing "the order" of their church.

Carleton is a beautiful and prosperous little town and the surrounding country is rich in agricultural resources and beautiful beyond description.

The pastor of the Falls City church was agreeably surprised when entering the Silver Creek meeting house, last Sunday by finding that the big table had been removed and a neat stand and bible rest placed there in stead. And what made the surprise still greater was to hear that the "innovation" was placed there by the German Baptist brethren.

A large and eager congregation was in attendance, and a temporary organization of a Sunday school was effected with a view of forming a permanent organization upon a basis of union with the German Baptists in the S. S. work.

Spring has opened here nicely and farmers are improving the fine weather in putting out their spring crops.

E. L. Y.

Masontown, Pa.

April 7.—Our minister, Bro. W. DeBolt, had occasionally preached in a school house four miles from Masontown. The people having no preacher of any one denomination, invited him to hold a protracted meeting. Bro. George had preached just two weeks when the directors sold the house with the purpose of building a more convenient one for the children. It happened to fall into the hands of an unbeliever, and he locked the door against all future meetings, because, as he said, he wanted to stop all preaching on Middle Run. This was probably the best thing he could have done for those people. They are now donating liberally for a Brethren church, and will soon have a good house in which to worship God. Bro. DeBolt and Mr. Farmer have surveyed the land which contains almost two acres and one half, the gift of Mr. Levi Brown. It is intended to have the house erected within three months. They have already expressed their desires to have it dedicated by Bro. De Bolt. He will lecture in different places to help defray the expenses of its building.

The meetings in the schoolhouse were growing in interest when the house was sold. The order could not have been better, although the congregations were increasing to beyond standing room. There having already been twenty-five conversions, the people were desirous of continuing the meetings, but the house could not be obtained for love nor money. Bro. DeBolt was forced to give up his revival for the present. He will preach occasionally in the people's houses, which are so freely offered him, until better arrangements be made. Last Sunday he preached a revival sermon in the house of Mr. George W. Dearth to a congregation of one thousand. After this we repaired to the Monongahela river for Christian baptism. Bro. George consumed twenty-five minutes in baptizing fifteen applicants, five brothers and ten sisters. It was a beautiful day but the water was cold. The girls were dressed in white, having white baptismal habits. I have never before observed more respectful interest manifested by an observing people. Two brothers had previously been bapitzed, these, with one sister from the German Baptists by relation, make eighteen additions up to this writing. There will be baptism for four next Sunday. Susie Staley, one of those baptized last Sunday, is but ten years old, yet she is a woman in religion. This is not a Dunkard community, and our doctrines must be taught them, but as they are all Bible readers they are easily convinced of the truth of our principles. The prospects are good for a large addition to the church at Masontown. Others will come soon, but there is no set time for their baptism. Bro. George has proved himself a successful evangelist. Thank God.

M. M. STERLING.

Our Home Physician.

We have received from the publisher, a copy of our "Home Physician," a popular guide to the art of preserving health and treating diseases. It is designed as a "handy doctor," to the family, and is not confined to "one idea" in medicine and methods of treating disease, by the family, in cases of emergency. It contains clear descriptions of the structure and functions of the human body; the influences of occupation on health and longevity, the laws of inheritance; also new and original chapters on diet, stimulants and narcotics, air, sunlight, exercise, climate, electricity and nervous diseases of modern times. It contains full directions for nursing the sick, care of children, treatment in accidents, and so forth.

The work was written by a learned physician, George M. Beard, A. M., M. D., of New York.

The language is home-like, and such that it is easily understood by the common people.

Every family should have the work in their book-case and study it, and put its teaching into practice. This would not only save the cost of the book, but many dollars besides by avoiding poor health, distress and consequent loss of valuable time and strength to work effectually.

The book is printed on excellent paper, in large type and contains in all 1506 pages. It is a handsome work, as well as useful.

For further particulars address the publisher, E. B. Treat, 771 Broadway New York, City.

Married.

MASON-RUBLE. At the home of the bride, (Bro. Joseph Ruble) in Bourbon Co., Kansas, on April 3rd, Mr. O. B. Mason, of Ft. Scott, and Miss Minnie Ruble. Their future home will be Ft. Scott. May the blessing of God attend their union all through life.

A. J. HIXSON.

Certificates of Baptism.

We now have printed, on fine cards in two colors a form of a Certificate of Baptism. Every person who is baptized desires to preserve the date and the certificate of the administrator. They are printed so as to be useful to ministers of the Brethren Church only.

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BRETHREN PUB. HOUSE,
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